



# **NOMINEE ELIGIBILITY & ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES**

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## RECEIVING AND ASSESSING NOMINATIONS

1. Nominations must be submitted on the forms provided by the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame and must be received by 4 p.m. (in person) or midnight by email on August 30th each year, unless otherwise stipulated by the Board of Governors. Nominations are then reviewed by the Executive Director who is responsible for ensuring that the submissions are complete.
2. Completed nominations are then forwarded to an Ad hoc Committee, which is appointed by the Board of Governors and tasked with ensuring that the nominees meet the eligibility requirements.
3. Nominations which are deemed incomplete or ineligible are returned to the nominator. The nominator will be advised of the reason, however in cases where the nominee is presently ineligible (due to the retirement rule, or a conflict of interest), the nominator is advised that the nomination will remain on file to be activated when eligible.
4. Eligible nominations are included in the binders which are reviewed by the Selection Committees. Each eligible regular category nomination is considered in the year nominated, and for up to two succeeding years. Each eligible veteran category nomination is considered in the year nominated, and for up to four succeeding years.
5. If not elected in the review period the nomination will be deemed inactive and may only be resubmitted after a period of two years has elapsed. The nominator is so advised.
6. Each member of the Selection Committees must rate each of the eligible nominations in accordance with the established rating guidelines and assign a total score not to exceed 100 points. The assigned scores are then submitted to the Executive Director, and an aggregate score based on rank for each nominee is determined. The Selection Committee will be provided with an aggregate ranking report to assist in their deliberations and selection of a shortlist of not more than ten nominees.
7. Nominations which are not re-submitted are designated "retired" and become part of the Sports Hall of Fame's archival collection. From time to time the Selection Committee will review these nominations and may recommend candidates to be re-activated.

## NOMINEE ELIGIBILITY

### 1. GENERAL

- 1.1. Nominees must have either been born in New Brunswick or have resided in the province for a minimum of six years during their accomplishments in sport or contributions to sport (Exceptions will be at the discretion of the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors).
- 1.2. Nominees must have brought distinction to New Brunswick through outstanding achievement in high-performance athletic competition or have made a significant contribution to the development and advancement of sport in New Brunswick.
- 1.3. Activities of a non-competitive, self-set goal nature such as marathon swims, runs, etc. whether or not for the purpose of fund-raising, and games of skill such as billiards, darts, board games and electronic games are not eligible for nomination.
- 1.4. In the case of non-traditional activities, or where doubt exists as to the legitimacy of a nominee or sport, the judgment of the Screening Committee and the Board of Governors will prevail. Their decision shall be based on whether the nominee meets the eligibility criteria and whether the achievements and/or contributions meet the generally-accepted standards required for election into the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame.
- 1.5. An exception may be made to reduce the three-year waiting period for reasons of pre-eminence and exceptional skill upon a request to the Board of Governors by the Selection Committee.
- 1.6. A nominee may be nominated as an Athlete or as a Builder, but may not be considered in both categories concurrently during the period of review.
- 1.7. A NBSHF Honoured Member, who has been elected as an Athlete, may not be subsequently nominated as a Builder in the same sport or vice versa.
- 1.8. Athletes/Teams with disabilities are eligible provided they have competed in events sanctioned by a provincial, national or international sports governing body, however they will be assessed under the same criteria as all nominees.

## 2. ATHLETES

- 2.1. Athletes must be of junior age distinction or university level or higher to be eligible.
- 2.2. Athletes must have concluded their active careers for a minimum of three years to be eligible.
- 2.3. The three-year waiting period does not apply to deceased nominees.
- 2.4. Athletes who have reached their 50th birthday are eligible, whether or not they are still active.
- 2.5. Athletes who have not reached the age of 50, and who continue to compete in their sport, but at a level significantly removed from that for which they are being nominated, are eligible. However, they must have been retired from the highest level of competition for at least three years. (For example, an individual who competed in the Olympics and is still active in his/her sport at the provincial level, is eligible, provided three years has elapsed since his/her last Olympic competition).

### 3. TEAMS

- 3.1. Teams are defined as two or more athletes competing as a unit in a sanctioned athletic event. Nominations will not be allowed for sports where the primary pursuit of Athletes in competition is in individual events.
- 3.2. A Team sport is an activity in which a group of individuals work together to accomplish an ultimate goal which is usually to win. Team members set goals, make decisions, communicate, manage conflict, and solve problems in a supportive, trusting atmosphere in order to accomplish their objectives.
- 3.3. Teams must have represented New Brunswick and achieved regional, national or international excellence and have brought distinction to New Brunswick.
- 3.4. Teams must be comprised of a minimum of 50% of combined players and non-playing personnel who have either been born in New Brunswick or resided in the province for a minimum of six years during their accomplishments.
- 3.5. Junior age distinction or university level or higher are the minimum level allowable.
- 3.6. Team nominations may be made on the basis of a single season performance or for more than one season (successive years or selected years) provided that the level of achievement for each team was similar, and the team personnel was virtually the same each year. Otherwise, teams should be nominated separately.
- 3.7. A Team may consist of playing and non-playing personnel (i.e. coaches, managers) to the limit set by the governing body sanctioning the competition. Equipment managers, mascots, directors and executives, etc. may not be included.
- 3.8. Teams are eligible when at least three years have elapsed since they last competed as a unit or since the event(s) for which they are being nominated have been held.
- 3.9. Touring Teams are not eligible.
- 3.10. Host Teams must have qualified for the event it hosted through athletic competition.

#### 4. BUILDERS

- 4.1. Builders include coaches, trainers, managers, officials, volunteers, facility/program developers, sports medicine, organizers, educators, patrons, media or combinations thereof or others who may be considered.
- 4.2. Builders are defined as individuals, other than Athletes, who have made a significant contribution to the development and advancement of sport in New Brunswick.
- 4.3. Builders may be active or retired at the time of their nomination.
- 4.4. Builders who made an impact on sport because of their political position must demonstrate volunteer activities and accomplishments in sport outside their political life.
- 4.5. Sports organizations are not eligible; however, individuals representing an association are eligible.

## 5. VETERANS

- 5.1. Nominees must have achieved their major accomplishments before 1966.
- 5.2. Nominees may be living or deceased at the time of nomination.
- 5.3. Nominees must not have been previously considered in the regular selection process.
- 5.4. Athlete and team nominees must have demonstrated outstanding achievement in competitive sport, consistent with the competition available during their era and resulting in honour to themselves and recognition to New Brunswick.

## WHAT IS SPORT?

Sport is a regulated form of physical activity organized as a contest between two or more participants for the purpose of determining a winner by fair and ethical means. Such contest may be in the form of a game, match, race, or other form of competitive event.

Sport is governed and sanctioned by a sport governing body (sport federation) that holds the responsibility for, notably, setting out the rules of play, either at the national level or at the world level, for awarding the organization of its championship(s), and designating the winner(s) of its championship(s).

- Its primary activity involves physical interaction between participants and/or between participants and the environment: air, water, ice, snow, ground, special surface or apparatus, with or without the use of a special conveyance (e.g., bicycle, canoe, horse, luge, parachute, sailboat, skate, ski, wheelchair).
- It requires specialized neuromuscular and cardio-vascular skills - such as speed, strength, stamina, flexibility, balance, precision and coordination - that involve large muscle groups or those which the individual has the ability to utilize, and which can be taught, learned and improved.
- It involves formal rules and procedures to ensure a safe and fair outcome for all participants.
- It requires fair, ethical and effective tactics and strategies.
- It requires a competitive format and structure, sanctioned by the recognized governing body for the sport, either at the national or world level, and open to all participants who meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the rules of the sport.
- Its competitive events require the on-site presence of officials sanctioned by the sport governing body to objectively, fairly and consistently apply the rules.
- The main form of the sport may comprise two or more competitive sub-forms called events or disciplines that share the main characteristics of the sport with variations according to various parameters: different distances, styles, apparatus, weight categories, gender, etc. An event is a specific competition (specific distance, technique, gender) that is contested for the purpose of designating a winner or champion for a specific geographic region (country, continent, world) and for a specific period of time (year, Olympiad). Men's 100m sprint, women's Giant Slalom and men's 8s in rowing are examples of events (also designated as medal events). Events that are similar in nature or share common traits may be grouped under the heading of a "discipline". Men's freestyle wrestling, men's Greco-roman wrestling and women's freestyle wrestling are three disciplines within wrestling, each comprising various weight categories that make up the sport's medal events. Similarly, road, track and mountain bike are three cycling disciplines. Forms or adaptations of sports that have been developed specifically for athletes with a disability are considered distinct disciplines within the mainstream sport and its governing body.



## Limitations for induction purposes:

Certain categories of sports or competitive activities fall outside the Hall of Fame's parameters for induction purposes and are therefore excluded:

- Sports in which athletes directly use and control motorized propulsion as a component of competition. (e.g., racing of automobiles, motorcycles, power boats, aircraft, snow machines, etc.).
- Games of skill such as billiards, darts, board games (chess, bridge, scrabble), and electronic games.
- Sports whose governing body was not a signatory of the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) World Anti-Doping Code during the tenure or competitive career of a nominee (Not applicable in instances whereby a nominee's achievements preceded the World Anti-Doping Code).  
*(The World Anti-Doping Code harmonizes anti-doping policies, rules and regulations within sport organizations and among public authorities around the world)*

*This Sport definition is an adaptation of Sport Canada's Funding and Accountability Framework. The Board of Governors reserve the right to determine whether a nomination falls inside, or outside, of these parameters.*